PERSONAL BRIEF ACCOUNT OF ZE ROBERTO SEIXAS MIRANDA JERÓNIM

— When the 25 of April, 1974 was broken out in by the so famed Armed Forces Movement with the pu of Knocking down the old regime of Salazar and caeta implanting the Democracy and the freedom to all Portugu including Timor to freely determine their future politi by themselves. At that moment, I was a simples soldier of Portuguese Armed Forces in the Independent Territorial Com of Timor at the Military Hospital of Dili or the same Base Detachment.

— After being 7 months of Democracy and freed in Timor, I had submitted a registered permission to the Commander-in-chief of the Independent Territorial Co of Timor and then I was permited to become agai civilian, in which at that moment there had be or established three political organizations, namely: Uni mocrática Timorense = UDT (Democratic Union of Timor Associação Social Democrática Timorense = ASDT (Democra Social Association of Timor) that became FRETILIN an Associação Popular Democrática Timorense = APODETI (De cratic Popular Association of Timor) the pro-Indonesia po Organization.

— After being a civilian, I was free to choose o of those three political organization. That's Why, I had chosen ASDT/FRETILIN, because since the beginning ASDT FRETILIN was always a nacionalist political organization that defends and pretends an independence to East Timor. Then, in the FRETILIN I was an activist of the central committee of FRETILIN (CCT) to carry out the political activities in the territory, and afterwards I became a collaborator of the CCF (Central Committee of FRETILIN).

— When there was given the "Coup d'état" the 20 called 11th of August, 1975 by UDT-

captured and arrested by the WDT forces from 17 August 1975 until 27 Aug. 75, when the FALINTIL (Armed Forces for a liberation East Timor) hold a counterattack on the 20th of Aug. 75, and I was liberated by the FALINTIL mentioned on 27 of Ag. 75, and reiterated to FRETILIN as in the Department of Health and Social Assistance to the Eastern Sector of East Timor.

— On the 7th of December, 1975, the day of the Indonesian Armed Forces invasion to East Timor, I live in Baucau (Regional Committee) on duty of the country after participating the Independence Proclamation of the Democratic Republic of East Timor on the 28th of November, 1975, and immediately Baucau was invaded on the 10th of Dec, 1975, there I had to move with other friends to fight against Indonesian forces in the battlefield until on the 20th of Dec, 75 in which I was encouraged by my friends of the struggle to come down again to the Baucau city by the objective of contacting with other friends in the town to organize a group of the informer and the various clandestine activities to support Maubere resistance. I was worked at the Baucau Hospital.

— In 1978, I was transfered to Dili and worked at the Central Hospital of Dili in the section of tooth and mouth disease. However, on the other hand, continuing carrying out the clandestine activities until 1981.

— In 1981, I was requested by the people of Viqueque District to become as a Head that District, because I was only one that come from Viqueque and still alive at that moment, and can lead the people of the mentioned Viqueque District. During the time of my leadership qualities, I had to enface many problem & handicap concerning the Indonesian Armed Forces criminal acts on the innocent people like as beasts without any justice. There

actions of the Indonesian soldiers to abroad direc
or indirectly, especially in 1983 after having no result during t
time of the peace talk between the Commander in Chief
FALANTIL, XANANA Gusmão and Indonesian Governm
which represented by Purwanto, the Commander of Kor
and Mário Viegas Carrascalão, the Governor of Provinc
Timor Timur (Indonesian Verse). That's why, in Iliomar
District there held a conference among the civilian
and Indonesian military Authorities like order to dis
uss the suspected people by the Indonesian main Force
Command (Kopassus) to be executed or death sente
in which I had made a severe debate against th
Commander of the main Force Command (Kop
sus) of the Region of Lautem - Iliomar District
to do not consider all of false accusation against
my people, because my people had not any guilty,
they never sent information or another kind of
aid to the guerilla resistance of FALINTIL in the
mountain. However, the execution had been practiced
by the Kopassus on the innocent people, when I
was on duty to Dili - Jakarta.

— On the 24th of November I was captured and handed
ed by the (Kopassus) main Forces Command when I was
my way by helicopter to Iliomar again. But the
helicopter didn't fly to the direction east sector, even tra
eled around the area of Dili and then landed at Tasitolu lake " i
known the massacre place" where I was escorted and brought by the Main
Forces (KOPASSUS OR NAMGGALA) to be shackled in
the cell made by them at the Jln. Kolmera, Dili. Immediately
I was interrogated and forced with the very strong electric
shock during 2 months, because I didn't accept the acc
usations made by them, but in fact it was because of my
opposition on their decision about the execution of the people
of Iliomar district.

— On the 6th of April, 1984, I was transfered to the
Comarca Prison. At that moment, I was ill and in the
bad condition, without medicat to

④ But, because of the family visit and assistance my health was recovered within the short time.

— on the 30th of May, I was sentenced to 12 years by the Indonesian Secret military Court of Dili without self-defence and adviser, what else (banding) the appeal to a judge at a higher court level? Beside that, there were many intimidation to my life and advice from the Indonesian Provincial Government and official militaries to accept those 12 years of sentence.

— On the 18th of November, 1984, I was banished to the Cipinang Prison together other friends to accomplish the sentence decided. During those years at the Cipinang Prison, there had no significative obstacle on our selves if there is compared with Nanggala or Comarca Prison/cell of Dili, East Timor. There was only psychologically sufferings until my release on the 9th of September, 1992. —

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